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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A VERBATIM TRANSLATION OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE ITALIAN LABOR CONFEDERATION CISL FOLLOWING THE VISIT IN ROME OF AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVE IRVING BROWN.

2. QUOTE THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF CISL, LUIGI MACARIO, RECEIVED THE REPRESENTATIVE IN EUROPE OF THE AFL-CIO, IRVING BROWN. EMILIO GABAGLIO, RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL MATTERS FOR CISL, WAS ALSO PRESENT. THE CORDIAL COLLOQUY PROVIDED A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND A FRANK PRESENTATION OF THE RESPECTIVE POINTS OF VIEW REGARDING CERTAIN QUESTIONS OF COMMON INTEREST TO THE TWO CONFEDERATIONS.

3. MACARIO, FOR HIS PART, REITERATED CISL'S UNITARY OBLIGATION, CONFIRMED THE DESIRE OF CISL TO DEVELOP THE ALREADY EXISTING TIES WITH THE AFL-CIO IN A WAY SO AS TO ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT AND THAT
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OF THE UNITED STATES WITH A VIEW TOWARD THE FIDDICULT PROSPECTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SITUATION AND THE NECESSITY TO REINFORCE THE CAPACITY OF THE UNIONS FOR INITIATIVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE.

4. IN THIS CONTEXT, MACARIO ALSO HOPED FOR A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE POSITION OF THE AFL-CIO WITH RESPECT TO THE ILO AND ITS

RENEWED PRESENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS.

5. AS IS NATURAL, THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIES BETWEEN THE CISL AND AFL-CIO CONSISTS OF TIES BETWEEN ONE ORGANIZATION WITH ANOTHER ORGANIZATION ON THE BASIS OF AUTONOMY AND RECIPROCAL RESPECT. END QUOTE.

6. THE FOLLOWING IS A VERBATIM TRANSLATION OF THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE UIL FOLLOWING IRVING BROWN'S VISIT.

7. QUOTE THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF THE UIL, AT THE CONFEDERATION'S HEADQUARTERS, HAD A MEETING YESTERDAY WITH THE AFL-CIO'S REPRESENTATIVE FOR EUROPE. AT ITS CONCLUSION, THE SECRETARIAT ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION.

8. WE CONSIDER THAT THIS MEETING OUGHT TO SERVE TO OPEN A NEW AND MORE INTENSIVE PHASE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR CONFEDERATIONS. THESE RELATIONS SHOULD BE BASED ON MAXIMUM COLLABORATION AND A MAXIMUM WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS BOTH PROBLEMS OF BILATERAL INTEREST AND, MORE GENERALLY, THE PROBLEMS OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY. IN THE PAST, INCLUDING THE RECENT PAST, THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES OF INCOMPREHENSION IN OUR TIES AND WE HOLD IT TO BE USEFUL AND NECESSARY THAT THESE BE CLARIFIED IN A MANNER RESPECTING THE AUTONOMY AND THE POSITIONS OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS.

9. THE UIL IN ITALY IS DEDICATED TO PURSUING THE PROCESS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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LABOR UNITY WITH THE CISL AND WITH THE CGIL, WHICH THE ITALIAN WORKERS, IN THEIR OVERWHELMING MAJORITY, CONSIDER TO BE THE ESSENTIAL FOUNDATION FOR THE DEFENSE AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR STANDARDS OF LIVING. THE UIL CARRIES OUT A PROGRAM OF SEEKING A POLICY FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE SOCIAL AND PRODUCTIVE STRUCTURE. AT THE SAME TIME, IT HOLDS TO BE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE THAT THE LABOR MOVEMENT DEVELOP ITS ACTIVITIES IN FULL AUTONOMY FROM THE PARTIES AND PRESS ITS INITIATIVES WITH THE GOVERNMENT REGARDLESS OF THE LATTER'S COMPOSITION.

10. THE RESUMPTION OF MORE INTENSIVE TIES, WHICH OUGHT TO OCCUR BETWEEN THE LEADERS OF THE TWO CONFEDERATIONS, SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THESE POSITIONS WHICH THE UIL CONSIDERS TO BE THE BULWARKS OF ITS LINE OF TRADE UNION POLICY. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RELATIONSHIPS COULD OCCUR IN THE COMING DAYS IN MATTERS OF RECIPROCAL INTEREST BETWEEN THE TWO CONFEDERATIONS AND, MORE GENERALLY, THE TWO NATIONS: IN PARTICULAR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL TIES AND OF ECONOMIC POLICY. IT IS ALSO OUR DESIRE TO DISCUSS WITH THE AFL-CIO THE RENOVATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR STRUCTURE AND IN PARTICULAR A NEW INVOLVEMENT OF THE AFL-CIO IN THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISMS. END QUOTE.

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